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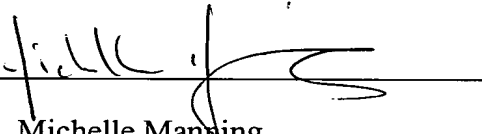
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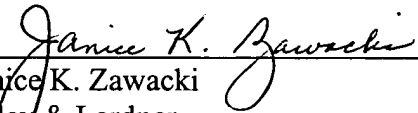
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- \* Utility Patent Application (33 pages: Specification, 25 pages; Claims, 7 pages; Abstract, 1 page)
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